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Honolulu City Council
Chair Ron Menor and Committee Members

Subject: CR-276/277, Bills 64/64

Aloha Chair Menor,

At the June 13, 2017 meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board (WNB) the members gave unanimous support to the Waikiki Transportation Management Association (WTMA) proposal to organize in compliance with Council Bills 63 and 64. The vote was 13-0-0 on these bills.

The WTMA presentation by Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) President Rick Egged cumulated about 18 months of updates on the progress of the WTMA working group to address traffic issues in Waikiki.

I have been personally involved in all meetings of the working group to address concerns of the residents from adding additional parking meters to assuring parking being available for servicing vehicles like plumbers be assured in the final plan to implement the WTMA. I am pleased that while I contributed nothing to the costs of supporting this group all of my concerns were answered and most of my resident concerns were made priorities for the WTMA working group.

- Concern 1. Adding 643 parking meters to existing non-metered parking stalls.
- Concern 2. Increase in fees to \$3.00 per hour.
- Concern 3. Increase in hours of operation of parking meters.
- Concern 4. Proposal to register cars of resident so they can pay reduced rates.
- Concern 5. Vendor parking. Like delivery trucks, plumbers etc.
- Concern 6. Loading zones and contractor parking.
- Concern 7. HPD Union for current parking enforcement.
- Concern 8. City collection of parking fees.

By our vote and the 18 months of discussions on this matter the WNB members supported the goal of better controlling all aspects of Waikiki traffic and parking. From a better coordinated vendor delivery schedule for things like hotel and business supplies to better bus scheduling to reduce the impact on our heavily trafficked streets (Royal Hawaiian Avenue and Kalakaua are prime examples).

Request the City Council give positive consideration to this long overdue effort by the community to improve the quality of life for both the residents and visitor industry in Waikiki.

Mahalo,

Robert Finley
Chair

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